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Minutes 03/04/2009

Minutes of the Arlington Open Space Committee Wednesday, March 4, 2009 Approved 4/1/09

Present: Ann LeRoy, Joey Glushko, Elizabeth Karpati, David White, Lisa Decker, Leslie Mayer, Teresa DeBenedictis.

1. January Minutes were approved with a few minor spelling corrections. February minutes of the informal stump meeting were accepted.

2. Bikeway Abutters Letter was discussed and a few changes were proposed. Joey will draft a final version.

3. Mill Brook Corridor Park

The meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 10, but need to find a better date when more people can attend. Ann will query for alternative dates. [Subsequently rescheduled for March 24.]

Lisa will talk with water body planners for ideas about organizing volunteers and such projects. Brian Barber was mentioned as a possible resource person.

3. Site Management Plans

Joey presented the management plan for the **Minuteman Bikeway**. A number of recommendations were made and she will prepare a revised version.

David presented the management plan for **Arlington's Great Meadows**. A number of recommendations were made and he will prepare a revised version.

4. EcoFest

EcoFest / Lawn Alternatives and Ecological Gardening Forum, March 28. David Epstein will be the featured presenter. Patsy K and Ruth Y. are managing the preparations.

5. Updates/Special Projects

- Alewife Path – DCR is proposing a path along the west side of Alewife Brook. ConCom hearings are ongoing and a resolution is likely this month.
- Green Dog discussions continue.
- Cooke's Hollow RFP – Responses are due by March 12. Based on the site visit a large number of responses are expected. The next step is to evaluate all them and make a selection.
- Port-a-Potties – The Park & Rec Commission is considering having portable toilets at some of the fields this Summer on a trial basis, which the Soccer club is offering to sponsor.
- Rowing Club – The Belmont High School Rowing Club is investigating possibilities of using Spy Pond in cooperation with the Arlington High School.

Next OSC Meetings – First Wednesdays of the month:
 April 1, May 6, June 3

Revised Schedule for Site Management Plan Reviews

April: Menotomy Rocks (Jane), McClennen Park (Lisa).

May: Robbins Farm (Leslie), Town Hall Gardens & Burying Grounds (Patsy), Meadowbrook Park (David).

Minutes by DEWhite, 3/23/09.